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In re the Application of:

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**SAITOH, Shuji, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1645**

Serial Number: **09/147,052**

Examiner: **GANGLE, Brian J.**

Filed: **April 5, 1999**

**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 1182**

**FOR: NOVEL FUSION PROTEIN, GENE THEREOF, RECOMBINANT VECTOR  
BEARING THE GENE AND RECOMBINANT VIRUS AS WELL AS USE  
THEREOF**

**REQUEST FOR RETURN OF FORM PTO-1449**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 28, 2007

Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on **September 25, 1998**. A copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is attached.

The PTO-1449 from this Information Disclosure Statement was returned with the Office action dated February 29, 2000, but two of the references, JP7-503842 and JP5-504253, were lined through to indicate they were not considered. No explanation was given as to why these two references were not considered.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Information Disclosure Statement was proper and these references should have been considered.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which accompanies the Information Disclosure Statement, marked to indicate that the references listed therein have been considered by the Office. In this regard, Applicant notes that the concise explanation of relevance of the two references was provided by the PCT search report accompanying the original filing of the IDS.



The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned should he have any questions concerning this Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 25, 1998

Sir:


In compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants call to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. References AC, AD, AE, AF and AG are cited in the enclosed International Search Report. References AC, AH and AI are cited in the specification.

A copy of each of the references is enclosed herewith.

In the event there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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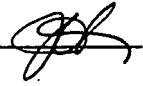
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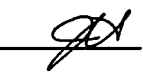
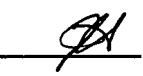


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